



ROTARY CLUB OF FONTHILL

WEEKLY MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Bob Eamer, Paul Snack, Troy Killick, Annie Holtby, Frank Adamson, Collins Acheampong, Ann Harrison, Bev North, Mike Taylor, Carolyn Mullin, Mel Groom, Lance Wiebe, Dave Schulz, Hugh Graham, Crystal Lambkin, Kristine Canniff.

1. **Welcome** to our Guest Speaker, Kristine Canniff, Back to Nature – Bringing Nature to your Backyard; Crystal Lambkin, transferring Rotarian from Toronto East.

2. **Land Acknowledgement. Mike**

We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

O Canada was led by **Lance**

3. **Toast: Lance**

To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International, our very own Jennifer Jones for her last month!

4. **4-WAY TEST: Frank**

Of the things we think, say or do
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Invocation: Mel

Now that we are into what is traditionally our new Rotary year, we welcome our new president and our new board. We have seen a lot of rain, but it is summertime, and I wanted to start the new year with an invocation that celebrates indigenous peoples and the earth.

Summer is the time for fully embracing what the land has to offer. We have been living through a trying time, and our world has forever changed. I will end with the prayer of a great indigenous leader, Chief Dan George.

Keep a few embers from the fire that used to burn in the village so all can gather again and rekindle a new flame for a new life in a changing world. Service happens in laughter and friendship

5. President's Report, Correspondence and Announcements. Carolyn

FarmFest Meeting. There's a follow-up meeting after this meeting in the concession area.

Thursday Night Serving Beer and wine at Supperfest is happening , just not our Sponsor Evening. We could do the 17th of August or the 7th of September as noted as best dates by members. There will be a sign up on Clubrunner. Your Smart Serve card may need to be updated. Please check your card. (September 7th was selected as the final date)

Pelham Cares shelves are empty. There will be a collection by the Volunteer Firemen on Saturday, July 29th. Drop Off at Sobeys or Food Basics.

DUES are due. You can e transfer via accounts@rotarycluboffonthill

Hugh. Rotary Golf Tournament Sept. 15. You can play, donate an item for the Silent Auction, be a hole sponsor or provide prizes on holes - \$50 card donation.

Rotaract. We want to support our Rotaract clubs this year again.

Scholarships have been presented to Lauren Murray and Rachel Veldhuizen. (\$1000 each) Rachel also was awarded the District Scholarship of \$1300. She was also presented with McMaster's Schulick Scholarship.

Lance. Canada Day was successful even with the rain = Students rescued the Sandtastic sands immediately! Thanks to them and our Rotarians for a successful day!

New potential members - Crystal Lambkin as a transfer from Toronto East Rotary and **Tracy Holmwood** from Pelham Cares.

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Today's Presentation is by Kristine Canniff introduced by Carolyn. Welcome Kristine! A food and Beverage Innovation person at Niagara College, Kristine is also a Fonthill resident and raised her two boys here. Kristine is a Pollinator Gardener in her home space.

Kristine. During COVID, I would hear all these bird songs, noises. I heard a screech owl. I decided to make him an owl box. We put the box up high on a tree and he eventually moved in. The whole neighbourhood was interested in this project. I did a lot of reading and research. And still do! What next? Create a garden to attract birds, create a natural style backyard as well as a place to entertain, relax with a book, add bird baths, plant native plants, keep dead trees, build a bush pile, offer food in feeders, remove invasive plants (takes over natural plants), chickadee, nuthatches
<https://merlinallaboutbirds.org/includes/birdsounds>.

State of Affairs? North America has lost 3 billion breeding birds in the last 50 Years.

For Kristine's PowerPoint Presentation: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/6c923bc2-d663-4ebd-9360-79b2e694a63c/1/>

6. Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies.

Next Meetings/Events:

July 13. Fonthill Bandshell Summerfest Concert - we're sponsoring. Elvis!

July 15. Volunteering at the Summerfest. Check your Smart Serve Expiry and update. Club pays the fee.

July 19. No Meeting

July 26. Board Meeting. Concession area MCC.

Aug 2. No Meeting.

Aug 9. Guests: Anneka Bosse and Sara Escarraga, Topic: Niagara Migrant Workers Interest Group